

**PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA  
REGULAR STATED MEETING  
JULY 12, 2011  
THE ASSOCIATED CHURCH, OWATONNA, MINNESOTA**

*“We fearlessly follow the Holy Spirit into a changing world.”*

The Presbytery of The Twin Cities Area met in regular stated meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at The Associated Church, 800 Havana Road, Owatonna, Minnesota, 55060. The meeting was in the sanctuary.

Prior to the meeting, at 2:30 p.m., two Pre-Presbytery events were held:

Message from the Board of Pensions, The Rev. Doug Kelly;

Message from the Church Development Team and Board of Pensions.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., with prayer, by the Moderator, The Rev. Cindy Ray, leading a unison reading as the Call to Worship from I Corinthians 12:12-27. The roll was formed from the registration forms in the narthex; there being three teaching elders and three ruling elders representing three churches, present, a quorum was declared.

The hymn, “*Baptized in Water*”, was sung.

**PRESBYTERY ROLL**

**TEACHING ELDERS**

	John W. Ackerman (HR)
	Larry Alderink (HR)
	Brenda K. Alexander
	Todd R. Allen
	Roger R. Anderson (HR)
X	Stephanie Anthony
X	Bebe L. Baldwin (HR)
	James S. Barge (HR)
	Erwin C. Barron
	Frederick J. Beebe (HR)
	Joan B. Beebe (HR)
	Louise L. Bender
	Lindsay Louise Biddle
	Robert R. Boehlke (HR)
X	James B. Brasel (HR)
	John N. Bratt (HR)
	Robert Brightman (HR)
X	Bruce Brooks
	David R. Bruneau (HR)
	Richard D. Buller
	John W. Butt (HR)
	John R. Buzza (HR)
	Kenneth B. Byerly (HR)
	April M. Davis Campbell
	Paul E. Capetz
	Edna Mae Carlson (HR)
	Julia A. Carlson

	Myra A. Carroll-Pezzella
	J. Scott Cartwright
X	William R. Chadwick
	Robert L. Chalmers (HR)
X	Dwight Chamberlain (HR)
	Carl A. Christensen (HR)
	Julia O. Christensen
	Walter Chuquimia
	Brent B. Coffin
	David D Colby
X	Katherine Estes Collins
	James Cook (HR)
	Calvin L. Cooper (HR)
	Neil Craigan
	Donald E. Crannell (HR)
	Karin Craven
	John F. Crosby
	Anita M. Cummings (HR)
	John H. G. Curtiss
	Robert T. Cuthill (HR)
	Jean Daugherty (HR)
	Richard A. Davis
X	William Davnie
	Deborah S. DeMeester
	Robert W. Dickson (HR)
	Calvin W. Didier (HR)
	Kristen C. DiNardo

	Mary Carolyn Dorfman (HR)
	Richard G. Douse (HR)
	Denise Dunbar-Perkins
X	Gary L. Elg
	James G. Ellison (HR)
	Leah D. Elrod
	Bruce D. Ervin
	Thomas Ewald
	Roger D. Ezell (HR)
	C. Ray Fenton (HR)
X	Rebecca Fletcher
	Lucy A. Forster-Smith
	Thomas W. Forster-Smith
	Herbert Frey
	Meghan K. Gage-Finn
	Alika P. Galloway
	Jon W. Galloway
	Ralph E. Galloway
	Julie GebbenGreen
	Philip GebbenGreen
	Don Genereux
	John W. Goertz
	Jonathan B. Good
	Peggy B. Good
	Kimberly A. Good man
	Conrad B. Goodwin (HR)
	Daniel Graham (HR)
	Sandra S. Gray (HR)
	Jean E. Greenwood
	O. Carl Grosse
	Sheila C. Gustafson (HR)
X	Robert W. Hamilton
	Donald A. Hanna
	Gary L. Hanson
	F. Nile Harper (HR)
	Robert F. Hart (HR)
X	Elizabeth Hart-Andersen
	Timothy D. Hart-Andersen
	LeRoy Haynes (HR)
	Richard H. Headen (HR)
	Marion E. Hedberg (HR)
	Joshua D. Heikkila
	Timothy W. Held
	Elizabeth D. Heller (HR)
	Leta J. Herrington
	Wayne A. Herstad (HR)
	Larry L. Hickie (HR)
	Gary Hickok (HR)
	Bruce K. Hillyer
	William Hoffman
	T. Ewen Holmes
	Kristine M. Holmgren (HR)
	David H. Hopper (HR)
	Robert K. Hudnut (HR)
	Dayton D. Hultgren (HR)
	Suzan K. Ireland
	R. Alan James (HR)
	Vaughn R. Jefferson, Jr.
	Bernard E. Johnson (HR)

	Daniel W. Johnson (HR)
	Matthew Johnson
	Paul M. Johnson
	Timothy M. Johnson
	Michael Ngeru Kamau
	Barbara Anne Keely
	Karen Kennerly (HR)
	Deborah E. Kielsmeier
	Jin S. Kim
	Joo Kim
	Judith A. Kim (HR)
	Stanley S. Kim
	Douglas W. King (HR)
	Kim Smith King
	Kenneth L. Kleidon (HR)
	C. Richard Knowles (HR)
X	Stephen B. Knudson
	Robert A. Koenig (HR)
X	Amy E. Kosari
X	Newell D. Krogmann (HR)
	Theresa Latini
	Grace Lee
	Joann Lee
	John Lee
	Jong Hyeong Lee
	Mark Lee
	Mary J. Leisman (HR)
	David P. Lenz
	Harry J. Lichy, Jr. (HR)
	David M. Liddle (HR)
	JoonHyuk Lim
	Andrew M. Lindahl
	John T. Lindquist
	Deborah D. Lind-Schmitz
X	Ethel Kay Livingston (HR)
X	William A. Livingston (HR)
	Eun-hyey Park Lok
	Robert G. Long (HR)
	Linda Loving (HR)
	Robert E. Lucas (HR)
	Richard A. Lundy (HR)
	Charles (Rick) MacArthur
	John M. MacFarlane (HR)
X	Kathleen D. Macosko
	David M. Maghakian
X	Harry H. Maghakian (HR)
	Max R. Maguire (HR)
	Robert C. Malcolm (HR)
	Julie A. Mall
	Elisabeth Jane Marlow
X	L. Edwin Martin (HR)
X	Paul E. Martin
	Stanley Martin
	Susan J. Marvin
	Richard P. Massaro (HR)
	Margaret M. McCray
X	Harry Kenneth McCullen
X	Joan I. McKenzie
	Mary B. McMillan (HR)

	Mary McNamara
	Linda M. Mell (HR)
	Katherine S. Michael
	Donald S. Milloy (HR)
X	W. Douglas Mitchell
	Beverly Modlin
X	Paul H. Moore
	Stephen M. Muhia
X	David Mwhia
	Kook Jin Nam (HR)
	Charles H. Nelson (HR)
	Julie E. Neraas
X	Dwight D. Netzer
X	Margaret G. Newswanger
	Richard Newswanger
	Michael E. Olmsted
	Anneleise Opitz (HR)
	Eugene H. Orr
	Kayton R. Palmer (HR)
	Ji Yong Park
	Sung Chul Park (HR)
	Thomas J. Parlette
X	Clint Patterson
	Donald D. Patterson
	JoAnn E. Phenow
	Richard P. Phenow
	Glenn E. Polzine (HR)
X	Douglas R. Potter (HR)
	Gwin Pratt
X	Elizabeth J. Raitt (HR)
X	Cynthia L. Ray
	Judith S. Ray (HR)
	Carol L. Reed
	Kenneth J. Ribe
	Steven Rice
	Tammy J. Rider
	Roger J. Ring
	Judith C. Ritchie
	Gregory H. Ritter
	Gale W. Robb
	Teresa Roberts
	Stephen Robertson
	Theresa M. Roos
X	Kara Root
	Daniel Rotach
	Jay P. Rowland
	H. Lyle Rozeboom (HR)
X	Chaz Ruark
X	Janet Ruark
	Jay C. Rusthoven (HR)
	James F. Sanders
	Paula Sanders
	Jack B. Schaffer (HR)
	Lyndon L. Schendel (HR)
X	Jamie Lynn Schultz
X	Dean J. Seal
	John B. Severson (HR)
	Carol Shaffer
	James D. Shannon (HR)

	Janet B. Shannon
	David S. Shields (HR)
	John H. Sinclair (HR)
	Gene R. Sipprell
	Matthew Skinner
	Kathryn C. Smith
X	M. Joy Smith
	Neal R. Solomonson
	Angella Pak Son
X	Scott O. Stapleton
	David J. Stark
	Melvin J. Steinbron (HR)
	Darlene A. Stensby (HR)
	Gordon C. Stewart (HR)
X	H. David Stewart
	Merle E. Strohhahn (HR)
	Annika Lister Stroope
X	Charles A. Talcott
	Helen Jo Taliaferro
	H. Allan Talley (HR)
	Jack M. Terry (HR)
X	Margaret J. Thomas (HR)
	Byron T. Thompson (HR)
	L. Douglas Throckmorton (HR)
	Gary Titusdahl
	George K. Tjaden (HR)
	Townsend-Anderson, Richard
	Paul C. Truran (HR)
	Paul B.K. Tshihamba
	Umo Udo
	David Van Dyke
X	Heidi H. Vardeman
	John P. Ward
	H. G. Wardlaw, Jr.
	Lisa A. P. Watson
	Thomas K. Watson
	Richard D. Weis
	John F. Westfall (HR)
X	Susan E. Whiteman
	David L. Williamson (HR)
	Robert E. Willis (HR)
X	Ronald D. Wilson
X	Zachary O. Wilson
	Aron W. Wilterding (HR)
	Peter T. Wyckoff (HR)
	William C. Yeager (HR)
	Byung Chun Yoo (HR)
	James York
	J. William Young
	Medhat Yowkem
	<b>COMM. LAY PASTORS</b>
	Lowell Busman
	Simon Tot Dhol
X	Mauro Souza

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## **RULING ELDERS**

Albert Lea, First (4)  
Apple Valley, Spirit of Life (2)  
Austin, Westminster (2)  
Baldwin, First (2)  
Belle Plaine, First (2)  
Bloomington, Oak Grove (4)  
Brooklyn Center, Korean (3)  
Buffalo, Buffalo (2)  
Burnsville, Church /Apostles (2)  
Chaska, Shepherd of the Hill (2)  
Claremont, First (2)  
Columbia Hgts, Church of All Nations (2)  
Coon Rapids, Church/Master (2)  
Eden Prairie, Eden Prairie (2)  
Edina, Christ (13)  
Ellsworth, First (2)  
Farmington, First (2)  
Golden Valley, Valley Com (3)  
Hager City, Laurel (2)  
Hastings, First (2)  
Hayfield, First (2)  
Howard Lake, First (2)  
Hudson, First (2)  
Kasson, First (2)  
LeRoy, First (2)  
LeSueur, LeSueur (2)  
Long Lake, Calvin (2)  
Maple Plain, First (2)

### **Minneapolis:**

Aldrich Avenue (2)  
Andrew-Riverside (2)  
Bryn Mawr (2)  
Grace-Trinity (2)  
Knox (2)  
Kwanzaa Community (3)  
Lake Nokomis (2)  
Stadium Village (2)  
Westminster (9)  
Minnetonka, Faith (4)  
North St. Paul, North (2)  
Oronoco, Oronoco (2)  
Owatonna, Associated (2)  
Pine City, First (2)  
Plainview, Community (2)  
Plymouth, Plymouth (2)  
Red Wing, First (2)  
Richfield, Hope (5)  
Rochester, Community (2)  
Rochester, First (4)  
Rockford, United (2)  
Roseville, North Como (2)  
St. Croix Falls, First (2)  
St. Louis Park, Peace (2)

### **St. Paul:**

Arlington Hills (2)  
Central (2)  
Cherokee Park United (2)  
Dayton Avenue (2)  
Edgcumbe (3)  
Knox (2)  
Macalester Plymouth (4)

Margaret Blue  
Phil Park, Steve Hull  
Tom Bartholomew  
Rod Myers, Greg Johnson, Priscilla Pearson

Michael Quady, Patricia Antos  
Jevne Kloeber

Sheila Coy

Florian Gutzmer, Ron Bennett  
Tom Lennon, Pan von Gohren

David Herum, Sharon Leonard

Mary Dunham

Margie Wooley, Tom Aitchison

Pat Hasse

Suzanne Snyder  
Betsy Kerr  
David Cummer  
John Kingery, Emil Strenston

Norm Petrik, Sue Goodspeed  
Margaret Taylor  
Kitty Martin, Peter Soulen, Tom Soulen, Karen Gasche

Lance Sorenson  
Jerry Ganfield, John Bergen  
Anne Farmer

Robert Johnson

Bob Bratnober, Kathy Van Schooten  
Rebecca Harkess, Paul Harkess  
Jean Marvin, Elizabeth Remfert

Ann Olson, Manley Olson

Barbara Lutter

Lois Rhoades

Kevin Marshall

Randolph Heights (2)  
The House of Hope (6)  
Shakopee, First (2)  
Shoreview, Church/Way (3)  
South St. Paul, First (4)  
Stillwater, First (4)  
Wayzata, St. Luke (4)  
White Bear Lake, First (2)  
Woodbury, Trinity (2)

Ward Sessing, Chase Davies  
Tom Brazill, Mary Anne Cheyne, Rochelle LeTourneau  
Rebecca Erickson, Jean Emmons, Susan Rutford  
Karen Larson

### **ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY**

Vincent Gin, First, Hudson, WI  
Nancy Gritman, Stated Clerk, Buffalo Presbyterian, Buffalo, MN  
John Ivers, Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN  
Marion Michael, Valley, Golden Valley, MN  
Walter Rockenstein, Westminster, Minneapolis, MN

### **ELDER OBSERVERS**

Rollie Baldwin, Westminster, Minneapolis, MN  
Robert Bollar, CAN, Columbia Heights, MN  
Margaret Nelson, Community, Rochester, MN  
Janet Youel, First, White Bear Lake, MN

### **CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS**

Jermaine Ross, CAN, Columbia Heights, MN  
Risley Prakasim, CAN, Columbia Heights, MN

### **CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

Kevin Garvey, Board of Pensions, White Water Valley Presbytery  
Doug Kelly, Board of Pensions, Southern Kansas Presbytery

### **VISITORS/OBSERVERS**

Risa Anderson, Presbytery Staff  
Mark Bonde, Kwanzaa, Minneapolis  
Martha Rockenstein, First, Hudson, WI  
Dennis Sanders, Presbytery Staff

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the docket as presented.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2011.

Ruling elders and teaching elders attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed. The following corresponding members were seated:

The Rev. Doug Kelly, Board of Pensions, Presbytery of Southern Kansas  
Elder Kevin Garvey from Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of Whitewater Valley

The Presbytery was welcomed to The Associated Church by The Rev. Ron Wilson, Pastor.

Verse one of the hymn, “We Are One in the Spirit”, was sung.

Ruling elder, Jerry Ganfield, shared a proclamation, followed by the unison prayer for mutuality, and the passing of the peace of Christ.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**Executive Presbyter, Chaz Ruark**

Chaz spoke on several points:

Chaz will be joining a delegation from Church of the Way to visit their sister church in Ghana. Minnesota Council of Churches is planning an interfaith ten-year anniversary memorial service for September 11, 2001.

Chaz mentioned the Presbyterian Fellowship meeting that will be happening in Minneapolis in August, and he plans to attend.

Presbytery Council has designated a task force to write a policy for gracious separation for a pastor or congregation wishing to leave the PC(U.S.A.). The hope is that the policy will never be used, but the Council feels it is wise to have a policy in place.

Chaz reminded us that our strategic plan states that we mutually support one another, and spoke of the importance of continuing to work together.

**Moderator, Cindy Ray.**

Cindy explained the structure of worship for this meeting. Three different individuals are giving testimonies in response to the question “How have you experienced mutuality in your experience of the presbytery?”

Cindy expressed appreciation for former Presbytery Moderator Vince Gin.

**Vice Moderator, Barbara Lutter**

Barbara spoke about the experience of attending Council meetings at Buffalo and Howard Lake Presbyterian Churches, and how it has helped the Council to better understand the lives of these congregations. This is an important way to live out the mutual support of congregations and pastors.

**Stated Clerk, Nancy Gritman**

1. In reference to a recent PJC case of this Presbytery, the date for filing an appeal has passed, and the Prosecuting Committee did not file a request for appeal of the decision. Therefore this case is officially closed and no further action will be forthcoming.

Thank you, on behalf of the Presbytery, to the Prosecuting Committee. The members were ruling elder Gayle DeHaan, ruling elder Chaz Nove, and Rev. Neil Craigan. Rev. Anita Cummings had also served on the Investigating Committee.

2. It was also announced that since it is very important that all sessions have access to the new *Books of Order* this time, the Presbytery is providing two copies to each church; one for the clerk of session and one for the moderator. Sessions are strongly urged to purchase copies for all session members. Most of the Presbytery committees who might be affected most by the new Form of Government, and the several additional amendments passed by the presbyteries, have passed a motion to continue following processes in place until such time as they have had an opportunity to make any structural changes they might wish to make in accordance with the new edition of the *Book of Order*. An outline of the changes in the Constitution will be presented at the next meeting of Presbytery.

If churches wish to have the Presbytery order additional copies of the new Book of Order for their session, please contact Risa. The sales will be handled in the same manner as the Mission Yearbooks. Churches who have placed an order will be informed when the order has arrived, and may be picked up, with payment due at the time of pickup. The cost will be \$8.50 each.

Nancy spoke about the possibility of a bus being rented to go to the Presbytery meeting in Austin, MN, in September. A sign-up sheet to indicate interest will be on the dining tables. Depending on the response, Council will make the decision.

Up coming Council meetings will be held at First, Hudson in August; Trinity, Woodbury in September; and Calvin, Long Lake in October.

### **Treasurer, Ed Martin**

As we reach the half way mark of this fiscal year for the Presbytery, receipts are running slightly ahead of expenditures. Per Capita receipts through the end of June are \$374.5K, or 51% of budget. Though we are about \$24K less than last year at this time of the year, we are still at half of the budgeted figure.

I want to commend 13 of the churches of our Presbytery for having totally fulfilled their commitment, paying in full what they owe. Thank you for being faithful stewards! (*Note: Per Capita is technically payable in the first quarter of each year!*)

Expenses to date are lower than budget, \$476.7K against \$1,023.3M, or 45.6% of budget. Because of lower expenses against receipts, this gives the Presbytery a positive balance at this point.

However, lest we become complacent with having a balanced budget at this point, we need to realize that 28% of the congregations in our Presbytery have paid nothing of their Per Capita apportionment. (That figure is determined on the membership churches reported the year before last.) While that percentage is a little better than what I reported at the May meeting of Presbytery, there is much cause to be concerned about where this is going. Unfortunately there are some congregations who historically simply refuse to contribute to the administrative work of the Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly. We probably can assume there will be no support forthcoming from them. Therefore though we are at the half way mark now, that will probably put us in a deficit posture later this year.

It should also be noted that the budget adopted by the Presbytery last November was essentially flat except for a few little increases in some, but not all, of staff salaries.

Giving to General Mission causes, pledges congregations make each year, are running behind budget: \$94.2K against \$225K, or 41.9%. While this is somewhat concerning, General Mission historically is met at the end of the year when churches fulfill the pledges of their people.

Ed also explained that the Presbytery is responsible to send per capita to GA and The Synod, whether or not the churches pay, so it is very important that the sessions work out a way to pay their own way and not rely on their sister churches in the Presbytery to cover this expense for them.

### **REPORT OF ADVOCATES FOR INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY: Ruling Elder Peter Soulen**

#### 1. Level 1 Training

The next Level 1 training is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2011 (location TBD). AIM is in the process of improving the curriculum, making it more focused and concise and also adding new material to help establish and maintain appropriate boundaries when using social media (e.g., Facebook.com).

AIM apologizes for cancelling the Level 1 training previously scheduled for last April. Participants who are able to wait until October 22 will benefit from a significantly updated and improved curriculum. If anyone who registered for the April 2011 class is not able to wait until October 22 to receive Level 1 training, please have him/her contact Peter Soulen ([psoulen@gmail.com](mailto:psoulen@gmail.com)) and AIM will make alternative arrangements. AIM will extend the usual twelve month deadline for all persons required to receive Level 1 training who registered for the April 2011 class.

#### 2. Sexual Misconduct Policies are now Required for all Governing Bodies/Councils

Effective July 10, 2011, "All councils shall adopt and implement a sexual misconduct policy" (Amendment 10-C to previous section G-9.0404, now in new Form of Government section G-3.0106).

Sexual misconduct policies are primarily for allegations of sexual abuse as defined in Rules of Discipline section D-10.0400c:

"Sexual abuse of another person is any offense involving sexual conduct in relation to

- (1) any person under the age of eighteen years or anyone over the age of eighteen years without the mental capacity to consent; or
- (2) any person when the conduct includes force, threat, coercion, intimidation, or misuse of office or position."

Our presbytery's sexual misconduct policy also covers "Production, distribution, or accessing of pornography" (c.f., [http://presbyterytwincities.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/AIM\\_SMRC-Policy-3-2008.pdf](http://presbyterytwincities.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/AIM_SMRC-Policy-3-2008.pdf), page 9, definition #27).

AIM has nearly completed a draft template for such a policy, which the Presbytery Council will review. The template is designed to be flexible for many kinds of congregations to adapt to their own circumstances. The Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, and AIM, stand ready as resources if anyone has any questions. The Stated Clerk will check to make sure that every session has adopted a misconduct policy during annual peer-review meetings for Clerks of Session.

**REPORT OF BOARD OF PENSIONS: The Rev. Doug Kelly**

Doug Kelly told us about increases in medical dues, details of which can be found at [www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org). Medical expenses for members will also increase.

Kevin Garvey spoke about the Board of Pensions assistance program.

**REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Ruling Elder Walter Rockenstein**

***CONSENT AGENDA (None)***

***REGULAR AGENDA (Item 1)***

**1. Authorize The Board Of Trustees To Approve Certain Property-Related Transactions**

To *recommend* that the Presbytery authorize the Board of Trustees to approve, effective from January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011, the following: (a) requests to finance construction projects or real estate purchases up to \$200,000; (b) requests to refinance existing loans on property used for purposes of worship and other church property where no additional amount is borrowed; (c) sales and encumbrances of manses and other residential properties owned by churches; (d) easements for public projects under G-4.0206a of the *Book of Order*; and (e) leases of church property under G-4.0206b of the *Book of Order*, provided that each request shall be reviewed and found to be in order by the Board of Trustees, who will give a timely report to the Presbytery of all requests approved under this action.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the motion.

***REPORTS (Items 2-5)***

**2. Kwanzaa Community Church: Approval of Sale of Stained Glass Windows from 2100 Emerson Avenue North Church Building**

To *report* that the Board of Trustees approved the request of Kwanzaa Community Church to sell the stained glass windows from its church building at 2100 Emerson Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for an appraised price plus the cost of replacing the windows. Kwanzaa Community Church now worships in its church building at 3700 Bryant Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is using the 2100 Emerson Avenue North building for outreach ministries. Kwanzaa Community Church was able to contact most of the stained glass window donors about this sale; all who responded voiced approval of the sale.

**3. Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area: Approval of New Insurance Carrier**

To *report* that the Board of Trustees approved a new contract for insurance coverage with the Insurance Board that reduced the Presbytery's insurance costs from the previous annual

rate of \$9,327 (with Church Mutual Insurance) to a new annual rate of \$4,129 and, as part of the new coverage, increased the Presbytery's umbrella coverage from \$2 million to \$30 million.

**4. Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area: Appointment of Barbara Van Loenen as the BOT's Representative to the Presbytery's Budget Committee**

To *report* that the Board of Trustees appointed Barbara Van Loenen Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Hudson, Wisconsin, and a member of the BOT, as the BOT's representative to the Presbytery's Budget Committee.

**5. Chain of Lakes New Church Development: Presentation about Church Site under Consideration for Purchase**

To *report* that the Chain of Lakes New Church Development Property Task Force is focusing on a potential church site on County Highway 14/125<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE/Main Street about 1½ miles west of Lexington Avenue NE in Blaine, Minnesota, and made a presentation concerning the property to the Board of Trustees. Action by the Presbytery on whether to purchase this property may be needed at the Presbytery's September meeting. Additional materials about the property will be available at the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and a presentation concerning the property will occur before the meeting.

**6. North Como Presbyterian Church: Approval of Loan Application for a Synod Loan of Up to \$200,000 for Repairs and Improvements**

To *report* that the Board of Trustees approved a Loan Application from the North Como Presbyterian Church to borrow up to \$200,000 from the Synod of Lakes and Prairies to accomplish chimney and brickwork repairs, roof replacement, roof insulation and shingling, Sunday School classrooms renovation, and replacement of carpet and flooring, conditioned upon execution and submission of the required documents to the Synod and the Presbytery.

**REPORT OF CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM: Ruling Elder John Ivers**

Ruling elder John Ivers gave a presentation about a property which is under consideration for purchase for the Chain of Lakes NCD.

Ruling elder Rockenstein gave a detailed report on the finances of the purchase, focusing on the financial impact on the Presbytery.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY: The Rev. Bill Davnie**

***REPORTS***

**Annual Consultations:**

The committee held annual consultation(s) as specified in the Form of Government (G-14.0421 Book of Order 2009-2011) with the following candidates and inquirers, who have filed their annual written report with the Presbytery as required by the Presbytery's manual. The committee **VOTED** to continue them on the rolls

<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>CHURCH NAME, CITY &amp; STATE</b>
Megan Cochran	Inquirer	Westminster, Minneapolis, MN
Mike Ireland	Inquirer	Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN
Cody Oaks	Inquirer	CAN, Columbia Heights, MN
Jeff Foels	Candidate	First Presbyterian, Stillwater, MN

**Final Assessment: Kerri Allen**

The Committee conducted the final assessment for Kerri Allen of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, who has completed all the requirements of candidacy, and voted to certify Ms. Allen ready for examination for ordination, pending a call (G-14.0450 and G-14.0481 Book of Order 2009-2011).

**Final Assessment: Risley Prakasim**

The Committee conducted the final assessment for Risley Prakasim of Church of All Nations, Columbia Heights, Minnesota, who has completed all the requirements of candidacy, and voted to certify Mr. Prakasim ready for examination for ordination, pending a call (G-14.0450 and G-14.0481 Book of Order 2009-2011).

**Final Assessment: Anna Kendig**

The Committee conducted the final assessment for Anna Kendig of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who has completed all the requirements of candidacy, and voted to certify Ms. Kendig ready for examination for ordination, pending a call (G-14.0450 and G-14.0481 Book of Order 2009-2011).

***RECOMMENDATIONS***

None at this time.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: The Rev. Bill Livingston**

***CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1-9)***

**1. Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, MN: Renewal of Contract for Interim Associate Pastor, the Reverend Elizabeth Hart-Andersen**

To **report** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry has concurred with the action of the session of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, MN, to continue the half-time interim associate pastor relationship between the Reverend Elizabeth Hart-Andersen and Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, MN, for the period May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012, according to the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$ 34,532
Automobile Allowance	IRS rate, vouchered up to \$ 600
Continuing Ed Allowance	\$ 600 per year, cumulative over three years to \$1,800
Other Professional Expenses	\$ 300, vouchered
Continuing Ed Leave	Two weeks per year, cumulative over three years to six weeks
Vacation	One Month
Pension	Declined full pension & medical

2. **Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN: Renewal of Parish Associate Relationship with the Reverend Anita Cummings**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Presbyterian, Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend Anita Cummings and Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN, be continued for another year, with remuneration effective from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

3. **Permission to Labor Outside Bounds: Deborah Lind-Schmitz**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012, the Reverend Deborah Lind-Schmitz be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area as full-time interim pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Madison, WI, Presbytery of The John Knox, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) It is noted that, under the provisions of G-11.0401 Book of Order 2009-2011, "such permission and consent shall be reviewed annually."

4. **Committee on Ministry to follow current Manual of Operations for the Committee on Ministry and the 2009-2011 Book of Order Upon the passage of NFoG**

It is recommended that beginning July 11, 2011, given the passage of the New Form of Government, the Committee on Ministry will continue to follow the administrative processes currently in effect according to the Manual of Operations for the Committee on Ministry until such time as the Committee on Ministry may propose revisions to the Manual of Operations for Presbytery approval. At the same time, if there are any inconsistencies between our Manual and the New Form of Government, the Committee on Ministry will operate in accordance within the amended current Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

5. **Church of All Nations, Columbia Heights, MN: Renewal of Parish Associate Relationship with the Reverend John Lee**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Church of All Nations, Columbia Heights, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend John Lee and Church of All Nations, Columbia Heights, MN, be continued for another year, without remuneration effective from March 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012.

6. **Macalester Plymouth United Church, St. Paul, MN: Position Description for Interim Pastor**

To **approve** the position description for Interim Pastor, pending the inclusion of the following two sentences:

- There will be a review and evaluation conducted by the Session annually.
- The Interim Pastor contract shall be terminated upon the effective date of the call of a new Pastor, and may be terminated by either the Session or the Interim Pastor with thirty days written notice

7. **Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship: The Reverend H. Heidi Vardeman and Macalester Plymouth United Church, St. Paul, MN, and Transfer to Chicago Presbytery**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, based upon the mutual request of the congregation of Macalester Plymouth United Church, St. Paul, MN, and the Reverend Heidi H. Vardeman at a congregational meeting on June 12, 2011, the full-time pastoral relationship between the Reverend Heidi H. Vardeman and Macalester Plymouth United Church, St. Paul, MN, be dissolved as of July 31, 2011,

AND

that the Reverend Heidi H. Vardeman be dismissed to the Presbytery of Chicago upon receipt of their request.

8. **Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship: The Reverend William Hoffmann and Community Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN, and Ecclesiastical Transfer to Long Island Presbytery**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, based upon the request of the Reverend William Hoffmann and pending the concurrence of Community Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN, at a congregational meeting on June 26, 2011, the full-time pastoral relationship between the Reverend William Hoffmann and Community Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN, be dissolved effective July 31, 2011,

AND

that the Reverend William Hoffmann be dismissed to the Presbytery of Long Island where he will assume the position as pastor of Montauk Community Church, Montauk, NY, effective August 1, 2011, upon receipt of their request.

9. **Edgcombe Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN: Reappoint Temporary Supply: Philip GebbenGreen and Julie GebbenGreen**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, with the concurrence of the session of Edgcombe Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, the Reverends Philip and Julie GebbenGreen have been reappointed to a one-year term as 75% of full-time temporary supply pastors (25 hours per week for Philip, 11.3 hours per week for Julie), from August 1, 2011, to July 31, 2012, with the following changes in the terms of call:

Salary and Housing	\$35,562
Auto Allowance – vouchered up to	\$ 800
Continuing Ed Allowance	\$ 900
Other Prof. Expenses	\$ 1,000
Cont. Ed. Leave	Two weeks per year
Vacation	One month
Pension	Full

***REPORTS (Item 12-16)***

12. **April Davis Campbell: Completed Validated Ministry at Robbinsdale United Church of Christ**

To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend April Davis Campbell completed her validated ministry at Robbinsdale United Church of Christ effective April 30, 2011.

**13. Report of Background Checks Completed: Kim Smith King, Daniel Rotach, and April Davis Campbell**

To **report** that background checks have been successfully completed for Kim Smith King, Daniel Rotach and April Davis Campbell.

**14. Appointment of Moderator for Community Presbyterian Church of Rochester**

To **report** the appointment of Robert Hamilton as moderator for Community Presbyterian Church of Rochester, MN.

**15. Community Presbyterian Church, Plainview, MN: Report on Congregational Meeting to Elect a Pastor, Rev. John H. G. Curtiss**

To **note** that, at a duly called meeting of Community Presbyterian Church, on May 8, 2011, the congregation voted unanimously by written ballot (66 yes, 0 no) to call the Reverend John H. G. Curtiss as Pastor.

**16. Vacant Positions Report**

The Committee on Ministry reports to Presbytery that the following positions are vacant and receiving dossiers for installed positions:

Apple Valley, MN Spirit of Life (Pastor)

Brooklyn Center, MN, Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota (Pastor)

LeSueur, MN Le Sueur (Pastor)

The Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the consent agenda as corrected.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** Item 4 as restated:

Verse two of the hymn, “We Are One in The Spirit” was sung.

Candidate Risley Prakasim shared a proclamation.

**MEAL BLESSING**

The meal blessing was pronounced by The Rev. Ron Wilson, followed by instructions for serving.

Presbytery **RECESSED FOR DINNER AT 6:00 p.m.**

Presbytery **RECONVENED AT 6:45 P.M.** A musical interlude called presbyters back to the sanctuary.

Verse three of the hymn, “We Are One in The Spirit” was sung.

Rev. Meg Newswanger shared a proclamation, followed by the celebration of the **Lord’s Supper**. Teaching elders Ron Wilson and Cindy Ray officiated in the sacrament.

Verse four of the hymn, “We Are One in The Spirit” was sung.

**CONTINUATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: The Rev.**

**Bill Livingston**

***REGULAR AGENDA (Items 10-11)***

**10. First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, MN: Request to Elect a Pastor Nominating Committee**

To **approve** the request of First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, MN, to elect a pastor nominating committee at a special meeting of the congregation on June 19, 2011.

**11. Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN: Request to Elect a Designated Pastor Nominating Committee**

To **approve** the request of Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN, to elect a designated pastor nominating committee at a special meeting of the congregation on May 22, 2011.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** items 10 and 11 of the committee's report.

**THE REPORT OF MISSION AND WITNESS COMMITTEE:**

An update was given on the recovery from the tornado in North Minneapolis. Over \$7000 has been given to the Presbytery to help Kwanzaa Church and the community. Mark Bonde, member of Kwanzaa, spoke about the work of Kwanzaa in response to the tornado.

**THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS COMMITTEE: Ruling Elder Bob Bollar**

The Commissioned Lay Pastor Committee makes the following recommendation to be approved by the Presbytery:

The CLPC voted to **recommend** the renewal of Mauro Souza's commission for 2011 (Church of All Nations) and, the recommendation will be brought before the Presbytery on July 12, 2011.

**Authorization**

- Administer the sacrament of communion.
- Administer the sacrament of baptism.
- Conduct the service of Christian marriage with session approval for each case.
- Vote in Presbytery meetings, recorded as an elder for the sake of parity.
- Have a voice in meetings of the Presbytery.
- Lead worship.
- Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ (as needed) times/year.
- Conduct funeral and memorials.

**Terms of Commission**

- Hours of service/week 91% of full time.
- Reimbursement for services rendered (compensation): \* Up to \$32,000.00  
Plus professional expenses while conducting services based on actual receipts.
- Sick leave: As needed.

- Length of commission 1 year (retroactive to February 1, 2011 to be renewed January 2012).
- \* \*Underneath his temporary immigration status, via Federal INA Act 274 [B.U.S.C1321] 1a/.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the commission of Mauro Souza with Columbia Heights, Church of All Nations.

**THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Rev. Elizabeth Raitt**

**1. We place in nomination the persons whose names are in bold print below:**

ADVOCATES FOR INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

5/14=3 **JoAnn Lee**, teaching elder, St. Paul, The House of Hope

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM

5/12 Chair **John Ivers**, ruling elder, Shoreview, Church of the Way

5/14=3 **Joan McKenzie**, teaching elder, Buffalo, Buffalo

5/14=3 **Laura Newby**, ruling elder, Columbia Heights, CAN

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR COMMITTEE

5/14=3 **Ernest Cutting**, ruling elder, St. Paul, Macalester Plymouth

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

5/14=3 **James Brasel**, teaching elder, HR

5/14=3 **Edward Cunningham**, ruling elder, Minneapolis, Westminster

5/14=3 **Philip Bolinder**, ruling elder, St. Paul, The House of Hope

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

5/13=2 **Jin S. Kim**, teaching elder, Columbia Heights, CAN

5/13=2 **Joo Kim**, teaching elder, St. Paul, Knox

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

5/14=3 **Helen Jo Taliaferro**, teaching elder, Member-at-Large

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION -- **Council has authorized adding 2 additional members**

5/16=5 **David Van Dyke**, teaching elder, St. Paul, The House of Hope

5/12=1

*Continuing on the PJC*

5/12=6 Manley Olson, ruling elder, Roseville, North Como

5/12=6 Jack Schaffer, teaching elder, Member-at-Large

5/14=6 Andrew Lindahl, teaching elder, Austin, First

5/14=6 Margaret Newswanger, teaching elder, Maple Plain, First

5/14=6 Burton Nygren, ruling elder, Minneapolis, Westminster

5/16=6 Mark Pridgeon, ruling elder, Bloomington, Oak Grove

5/16=6 Kathy Van Schooten, ruling elder, Richfield, Hope

Presbytery **VOTED TO ELECT** the slate presented by the nominating committee.

**2. We move the adoption of the attached  
GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS  
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Yes, it's time to begin thinking about the 2012 GA! Application blanks for Teaching Elder and Ruling Elder Commissioners and YAADs for the 220th General Assembly, meeting in Pittsburg, PA, June 30-July 7, 2012 will be on line or available in hard copy from the presbytery office soon after the July 2011 presbytery meeting. Completed forms should be submitted to the Nominating Committee by **November 1, 2011**.

**3. We present for your review the attached  
GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS  
TO THE SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES**  
to be voted on in September. Questions or comments should be directed to  
[nominating@ptcaweb.org](mailto:nominating@ptcaweb.org)

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the Guidelines for the Selection of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

**THE REPORT OF COUNCIL: Ruling Elder Council Chair, Vince Gin**

Presbytery voted to approve the change to the Bylaws regarding the nominating committee as read.

BYLAWS  
PRESBYTERY OF TWIN CITIES AREA

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ARTICLE VII  
COMMITTEES

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*paragraph 2*

The Presbytery shall elect a Nominating Committee, which shall be composed of 15 members of whom ~~one-third shall be ministers, one-third male elders, one-third female elders~~, **ministers/teaching elders and ruling elders, in numbers as nearly equal as possible, drawn from different congregations and representing the diversity within the presbytery (geography, gender, age, race, ethnicity, disability, different theological positions consistent with the Reformed tradition) (G-4.0403) [F-1.0403, G-3.0111]**, divided into three classes, elected for three-year terms. The chairperson shall be elected each year for a one-year term. Members shall not serve consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years. (G-2.0404). Presbytery Council shall propose names for election to the Nominating Committee, which shall propose candidates for all other positions, including Commissioners to General Assembly and Synod of Lakes and Prairies and **Young Adult/Youth** Advisory Delegates to each higher governing body.

Vince spoke about the implementation of the Presbytery Strategic Plan.

The Budget Task Force has been named, and they are beginning working on the 2012 budget.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

The Presbytery attendance was reported as follows:

Category	Present	Not Present	Total
Ministers	46	236	281
Commissioned Lay Pastors	1	2	3
Elder Commissioners Elected by Sessions	58	126	184
Elder Members of Presbytery	5	5	10
Elder Observers	4	--	--
Candidates and Inquirers	2	32	34
Corresponding Members	2	--	--
Visitors	4	--	--
Total	122	--	--
Churches	42	26	68

Child Care Reimbursement   \$     0  
Mileage Expense:             \$ 83.44  
Unsold Meals Expense:       \$140.00  
                                      \$223.44

The hymn “The Church’s One Foundation”, verses one, four and five, was sung.

Presbytery **VOTED TO ADJOURN** at 8:01 p.m. Cindy Ray offered the closing prayer and benediction.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be at 4:00 p.m., September 13, 2011, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 802 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Austin, Minnesota.

Nancy E. Gritman  
Stated Clerk

Approved